

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Allegation of corruption against Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, S/o late Mahanthi, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamudidam Mansal, Vizianagaram District – Trapped on 30-9-2008 – Sanction of Prosecution – Issued.

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REVENUE(VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.517

Dt:18-05-2009

ORDER

Whereas, Sri Regullavasala Chalapathi Rao, S/o Late Mahanthi, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamuddiam Mandal, Vizianagaram District from 8-2-2007 to 30-9-2008 and as such he is a Public Servant under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption ACT, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1998).

2. Whereas, it is alleged that Sri Jammu Sankara Rao, S/o Ramu Naidu, 36 years, Thurpu kapu of Yadika Village, Meraka Muddidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District(Complainant) approached the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range on 29-9-2008 at 10.00 AM and lodged a complaint alleging that he purchased agricultural land from Sri Abothula Joginaidu, Sri Avu Pydinaidu and Sri Gudivada Simhachalam vide Survey No.102-6, 101-13, 101-9 respectively to an extent of total 1 acre and furnished the copies of sale deeds to the Village Revenue Officer, Sri Chalapathi Rao, Yadika Village 15 days prior to the lodging of the complaint and requested him to transfer the said land in his name and to prepare Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed in his favour in respect of the said land. The Village Revenue Officer Sri R.Chalapathi Rao demanded a bribe of Rs.2,000/- for preparation of Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed and directed him to make an application to the Tahsildar, Merakamudidam Mandal for issuance of the said records. As per the instructions of the Village Revenue Officer Sri R.Chalapathi Rao on 27-9-2008, the complainant Sri J.Sankara Rao mad an application to the Tahsildar, Merakamudidam Mandal for issuance of Pattadar pass book and the title deeds in respect of his newly purchased lands. The Tahsildar received the application and made an endorsement in the application instructed the complainant Sri J.Sanakara Rao to hand over the same to the Village Revenue Officer Sri R.Chalapathi Rao. Accordingly, i.e. 27-9-2008, the complainant Sri J.Sankara Rao handed over the same to the Village Revenue Officer, Sri R.Chalapathi Rao. On receipt of the same, the Village Revenue Officer, Sri R.Chalapathi Rao reiterated his demand and asked the complainant Sri J.Sankara Rao unless and until the demanded bribe was paid, he would not prepare the said revenue records. So saying, he instructed the complainant Sri J.Sankara Rao to pay the bribe of Rs.2000/- at his house at about 9 AM on Monday or Tuesday i.e.29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. The complainant Sri J.Sankara Rao was not willing to pay the demanded bribe to the Village Revenue Officer Sri R.Chalapathi Rao.

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3. And Whereas, after receipt of the above complaint, the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range verified the genuineness of the complaint and reputation of the Accused Officer Sri R.Chalapathi Rao and his enquiries revealed that the contents of the complainant were genuine and the reputation of Accused Officer Sri R.Chalapathi Rao was bad and submitted the same to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram who registered the same as a case in Cr.No.13/RCT-ACB/VZM/2007 u/s 7 13(2) read with section 13 (1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 30-9-2008 at 6 AM and investigated into.

4. And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of tap on 30.9.2008, when Sri Jammu Sanakra Rao, complainant, contacted Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, S/o late Mahanthi, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District, he instructed the complainant Sri Jammu Sankara Rao to come to Gandhi Bomma Centre, Cheepurupalli and pay the demanded bribe amount. Accordingly when Sri Jammu Sankara Rao accompanied by Sri Ch.Srinivasa Rao, mediator-cum-accompanying witness approached Sri R.Chalapathi Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika village at Gandhi Bomma Centre, Cheepurupalli at about 9.20 AM with a request for preparation of Revenue records in his name in respect of newly purchased agricultural land, he demanded and accepted the tainted currency of Rs.2,000/- and kept it in his pant hip pocket. When chemical test was conducted on the fingers of both the hands of Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, his right hand fingers yielded positive result. The tainted currency of Rs.2,000/- was seized from possession of Sri R.Chalapathi Rao, Village Revenue Officer on his production of the same from his pant hip pocket. When the Deputy Superintendent of Police, subjected the inner linings of the pant hip pocket of Sri R.Chalapathi Rao, where from the tainted amount was recovered, they also yielded positive result. The connected records were seized from possession of Sri R.Chalapathi Rao, Village Revenue Officer, i.e. from his residential house at Cheepurupalli u/s 165(3) of Cr.P.C. He was arrested on 30-9-2008 at 1.00 P.M. and produced before the Honorable Court of III Addl.Dist. and Sessions Judge-cum Special Judge for ACB cases, Visakhapatnam on 1-10-2008 for judicial custody.

5. And whereas, it is further alleged that the above acts of Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, S/o late Mahanthi, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act of 49 of 1988)

6. And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, S/o late Mahanthi, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. copies of FIR, Statements of Witnesses, Pre-trap and post-trap proceedings, final report and other records of investigation etc. placed before them in respect

of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, S/o late Mahanthi, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District should be prosecuted in a competent court of law.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988) Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Regullavalasa Chalapathi Rao, S/o late Mahanthi, Village Revenue Officer, Yadika Village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District for the offences under sections 7 & 13(2) readwith section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any provisions of law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(G.SUDHIR)  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General  
Anti Corruption Bureau  
A.P., Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER